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Subrahmanya Chetti, Rao Sahib P.
Subrahmanya Bhatt, Mr. U. C.
Sundara Rao Nayudu, Mr. T.
Syed Tajuddin Sahib Bahadur, Khan Sahib.
Thangal, Mr. P. M.
Uzielli, C.I.E., I.C.S., Mr. H. R.
Vasudeva Pillai, Mr. V. G.
Venkatachala Reddiyar, Mr. K. C. M.
Venugopal Nayudu, Rao Bahadur R. K.
Yakub Hasan Sahib Bahadur.
Zamindar of Bodinayakkanur, The.
Zamindar of Kirlampudi, The.
Zamindar of Mirzapuram, The.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS

Electricity

Details of the scheme regarding the electrification of Rasipuram in Salem district.

* 722 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that funds have been allotted for undertaking the scheme of bringing in electric power to Rasipuram in Salem district during the coming year;

(*b*) if so, how much;

(*c*) when the scheme is likely to be completed and actual supply made;

(*d*) what the towns included in this scheme are;

(*e*) what the rates proposed to be levied for the consumption of electric current for various purposes under this scheme are;

(*f*) whether this scheme is to be worked out by the Government themselves departmentally or whether it is to be entrusted to any private agency; and

(*g*) what the anticipated percentage of income on this scheme is?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The proposal is one of the Part II Schemes for 1936–37 and it is proposed to provide a sum of Rs. 1,05,000 for expenditure in that year.

(*c*) In a year.
(*d*) The proposal relates only to Rasipuram.
(*e*) The standard Pykara retail rates.
(*f*) The scheme will be worked by the Government.
(*g*) 12·7 per cent of the capital outlay.

Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER:—"May I know, Sir, from which place the town of Rasipur is to receive its electric supply?"

The Hon. Sir K. V. REDDI NAYUDU:—"Notice, Sir."

Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER:—"May I know, Sir, whether the proposal to take the line from the Karur-Trichinopoly line has been dropped?"

The Hon. Sir K. V. REDDI NAYUDU:—"I cannot say offhand, Sir."

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Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder:—" Sir, the percentage of income on the capital outlay is expected to be 12·7; may I ask the Hon. Member whether the percentage cannot be reduced so that the scheme may be made more popular? "

The Hon. Sir K. V. Reddi Nayudu:—" I believe, Sir, that that has been the standard."

Prisons and Prisoners

Health condition of Narayana Nambiyar, prisoner, Madras Conspiracy Case.

* 723 *Q.*—Mrs. A. Rukmani Lakshmipathi: Will the Hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether one Narayana Nambiyar, prisoner, Madras Conspiracy case, has been brought down to Madras for medical examination;

(*b*) whether the medical examination is over and whether any report has been submitted to Government; and

(*c*) what his present state of health is?

A.—As the prisoner, Narayana Nambiyar, was suffering from dyspeptic symptoms and abdominal pain he was brought down to Madras for medical examination in October last. The radiological report revealed the existence of a duodenal ulcer. He was admitted into the General Hospital, Madras, on 1st November 1935 for operative treatment and a report was submitted to Government. As the prisoner refused to undergo the operation he was discharged from the hospital and re-admitted into the jail. He was put on alkaline treatment and liquid diet. The latest medical report shows that he has no gastric symptoms now and that he is having good sleep at nights. His weight before he was sent to the General Hospital was 109 lb. His weight on 11th January 1936 was 111 lb.

Mrs. A. Rukmani Lakshmipathi:—" Sir, may I ask whether it does not look peculiar that the majority of political offenders suffer from stomach troubles when they are in jails; may I know whether it is due to the bad food supplied in these jails or whether political offenders are prone to such diseases? "

The Hon. Sir K. V. Reddi Nayudu:—" It is not for me to say whether it is due to their constitution or to the food supplied in jails, but I can assure the hon. Member that the food supplied to these prisoners is just the same as that supplied to the other prisoners of their class and is believed to be the right sort of food."

Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt:—" May I ask whether the Hon. Member will call for a report as to why among political prisoners there is such a large number of people suffering from stomach complaints? "